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Attempted arson being investigated

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CRIME Halifax Regional Police are investigating an attempted arson in Dartmouth early yesterday morning.

At 12:50 a.m., police and firefighters were called to a Parkstone Road home where a man inside the house awoke to see flames at his door.

Police found a lit gas can on the front doorstep, which they knocked down with a shovel. They put a fire at the side door out with snow.

No one was hurt. It's not believed to be a random incident.

Riding the Recession

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? For the next six weeks, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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James Stoddard covers his face as he is escorted into Dartmouth Provincial Court yesterday. Stoddard is charged with weapons and impaired driving offences. He allegedly showed up at his former workplace to confront a former coworker.

Ex-employee accused of armed threats

Police allege man went to old workplace with a rifle

PAUL MCLEOD
and JON TATTIE

An ex-Midland Transport employee allegedly stormed back to his old workplace, armed with a rifle, to confront a former coworker early yesterday morning.

Police allege James Stoddard, 51, showed up at the Burnside Industrial Park business shortly after midnight. A current employee outside managed to wrestle the gun away from him.

"The employee took the rifle from the man and tried to convince him to go home, but he refused," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Jeff

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Const. Jeff Carr, police spokesman

Carr said.

Stoddard then allegedly entered the building and threatened an employee with a broken bottle he pulled out of his jacket.

"It was a verbal confrontation more than physical," Carr said.

A supervisor was called. He, along with other staff, confronted the intruder and convinced him to leave. Police were called in and, after a brief hunt, arrested Stoddard in a car parked on Main Street in Dartmouth. The Head of

Jeddore man was arrested without incident.

Sources said he worked at the company until 2006 and that there were 15 employees on site at the time of the incident. Stoddard appeared in court yesterday wearing a green Midland jacket.

He faces seven charges including assault with a weapon, uttering threats, impaired driving and failing a breathalyzer test.

He was released on \$3,000 bail until his next court appearance April

22. In the meantime, he was ordered to abstain from drugs and alcohol, have no firearms or prohibited devices and to keep the peace. He also has a curfew from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., seven days a week.

Staff at Midlands were not speaking yesterday. Media inquiries were passed along to the vice-president of communications, Mary Keith, but she was unavailable as of press time.

No one was hurt in the confrontation. Stoddard was also ordered to stay away from three people.

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Marine pawned his GPS before he died

TRURO The day before he killed himself at his mother's Bridgewater llama farm, AWOL Marine Timothy Scott pawned his GPS system at a Truro pawn shop. Now, police hope it will offer clues about the 22-year-old's last days.

The day before, he had stopped at Estate Jewellery and Pawn Shop in downtown Truro looking for cash.

Scott provided his Virginia photo identification to fill out the required paperwork. Sandra Sack, who was working that day, called the encounter a "routine transaction" until

Friday when she read about Scott's fate in the paper.

"It just gave me goose bumps," she said.

Even though there was no name mentioned in the article, it did say he was from

Virginia leaving Sack to wonder if it was the man who had two days earlier been in the Inglis Place shop.

"He seemed like a personable young man. He was sort of stressed out, he had a relationship that went sour," Sack said.

"I just expressed my sympathy and told him things will get better."

Police retrieved the GPS yesterday.

RCMP

• Nova Scotia RCMP spokesman Sgt. Mark Gallagher said investigators are looking at Timothy Scott's travels and what he did. "This would be just another piece of the puzzle," he said.

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BEAUTY
at the Bay

k.d. lang is coming to Halifax

Fans of Canadian songstress k.d. lang can catch her at the Metro Centre April 16, when she tours in support of her 2008 album, *Water-Shed*. Tickets are \$59.50 and up, and go on sale Saturday; go to ticketatlantic.com. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



NDP says goodbye to president

Nova Scotia NDP president John Arther Murphy has died. Murphy, who died suddenly of a brain aneurysm, was in his 60s. He'd been provincial party president from 2003 until his death, and had been involved with the party for over 35 years. Funeral services will be held in Antigonish. **METRO HALIFAX**

Think you've escaped the 13th?

SUPERSTITION Haligonians battered by bad luck are bracing themselves for a triple shot of Friday the 13th.

The first passed last week, and there's one in March and November.

Philip Hiscock, associate professor in the folklore department at Memorial University in Newfoundland, says we can relax. "People make it out to be an ancient superstition, but Friday the 13th is not an old belief at all. It seems to have come about in the first 15 years of the 20th century."

In the pre-war era, interest in rationalism was high and, as a point of irony, Friday the 13th clubs were formed to make fun of the superstitious.

The belief was formed by combining the traditionally unlucky day of Friday with the traditionally unlucky number 13. Friday owes its bad reputation to its association with the crucifixion of Jesus, and 13 is sometimes traced to the number of people at the Last Supper.

"The idea of luck gives us a sense that we're more in control of a world that is largely out of control," Hiscock explains. "By bottling up our sense of bad luck, we can feel more comfortable."

He notes the triple threat is just math. February's 28-day calendar is always repeated in March, and that pattern comes up again seven months later.

DeNel Rehberg Sedo of MSVU suggests the superstitious among us might want to take a vacation south.

"Friday the 13th is specific to European and North American cultures. South America actually calls Tuesday the 13th a day to be suspicious of," she notes.

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Students get help from NSP

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Nova Scotia Power is giving \$1.5 million to the Nova Scotia Community College to help experiment with green construction.

The investment, doled out in equal parts over five years, will go towards the NSCC's new Centre for the Built Environment currently under construction at the Dartmouth waterfront campus.

"It's important for our company because we're investing in the future of Nova Scotia from an energy perspective," said Nova Scotia Power CEO Rob Bennett.

The centre is set to open in 2010 and will deal with the "built environment," such as homes, roads and cities. It will open up spots for about 800 students to work towards developing an environmentally conscious construction sector.



NS Power president & CEO Rob Bennett announces an investment of \$1.5 million in NSCC's Centre for the Built Environment during a press conference at NSCC's Waterfront Campus yesterday.

"(The centre) is a living laboratory to look at ways we can relate to the built environment. It will

have living walls on it with green roofs, green walls, wind, solar," said NSCC president Joan McArthur-Blair.

"They've given us a launching pad to test all of the innovative ideas that we want to do in this building."

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Joan McArthur-Blair, NSCC president

For example, the funding will go towards building three urban windmills on the building that will be tested over a period of years. The building itself costs \$29 million to build and uses geo-thermal power for 100 per cent of its cooling and 50 per cent of its heating.

The money comes from Nova Scotia Power coffers and will not affect power rates. Dana Atwell, director of environmental policies and programs at NSP, will also spend several days a week working with staff and students to help design programs.

Charity grants kids last wish

KIM HART MACNEILL
for Metro Halifax



Two terminally ill children from Poland will shake hands with Mickey Mouse next week thanks to a Halifax-based non-profit organization.

Ten-year-old Agata has muscular atrophy and weighs less than 20 pounds.

Eight-year-old Lucja has cancer. Along with their mothers they will join Coalition for Kids International to Disney World Resort Feb. 20.

Coalition for Kids International and Poland based Fundacja Dziecięca Fantazja — Children's Fantasies Fulfilled, teamed up to give the girls a six-day Florida vacation.

Rybicka, founder of both organizations, planned the trip over the last three months.

The first trip happened in 2004. Rybicka received a letter at her company asking for help sending two children to Manchester, England to see a football game. The children watched the game and ate dinner with the team's goalkeeper.

"After dinner (one of the children) called everybody



Ten-year-old Agata is one of two terminally ill Polish children going to Disney World in Florida for six days, courtesy of the Halifax-based charity Coalition for Kids International.

into her room and said she'd had the best time of her life," said Rybicka's husband and partner in the coalition, Gary Oliver.

"With that, she shut her eyes and died."

Oliver said the experience changed their lives. The pair founded the Polish charity shortly after, and has funded 950 children since. They started Coalition for Kids International after moving to Halifax in 2007.

Coalition for Kids International will sponsor eight

trips this year, up from four last year. The children are chosen based on the severity of their illness. Those with the shortest time left move to the top of the list.

"Their families are extremely poor," said Oliver. "Obviously this is the first time on an airplane for these kids, and that alone is a remarkable journey for them."

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Help sought in finding woman

The Quebec City police force are asking Nova Scotians for help in its search for a 24-year-old Quebec City woman.

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17, 2008.

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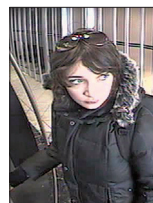
and was last

seen wear-

ing a black nylon winter

coat with a fur collar and

rounded brown sunglasses.



She appears to have visited a Desjardins ATM on boulevard de l'Ormiere around 11 a.m. and Café Depot on la Concorde in St-Romuald at 4 p.m. on the day she disappeared.

Any information concerning this woman should be directed to the Québec City police force by calling 418-641-2447 or 1-800-711-1800 (Info-Crime).

A short video is available at www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/police.

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News in brief

ECONOMY All provinces, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, posted lower manufacturing sales in December, ranging from a drop of 14.2 per cent in both Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan to a 2.4 per cent decrease in Manitoba. In the Atlantic provinces as a whole, Statistics Canada says manufacturing sales were down 8.7 per cent, reflecting the sizeable drop in petroleum product prices.

NO GO Springhill mayor Allen Dill says no one from his government will be attending a meeting in British Columbia.

The Municipality of Cumberland County was first to draw fire from the public after reporting five to seven of its members, minus Warden Keith Hunter, could attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting in Whistler, B.C., in June. However, Dill says Springhill has known from the get-go it cannot afford the \$1,500 per representative price tag. "I concur with Warden Hunter that it's important to the municipalities and they get a lot out of it, but we cannot afford to take part in this event," Dill said.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video New Brunswick crash kills RCMP officer and his two young children at metronews.ca/canada

Immigration Guidy Mamann on the complications of sponsoring a foreign fiancée at metronews.ca/live



Living With, a photo exhibit about Rwanda's HIV/AIDS epidemic, opened yesterday at Dalhousie Medical School. Featuring shots from seven veteran photojournalists who spent nearly two weeks in the country, it will be open until Feb. 23 in the foyer of the Sir Charles Tupper building. **METRO HALIFAX**

Rwandan photo exhibit opens at Dalhousie Medical School

Grand Pre hopes for UNESCO nod

Three levels of government providing funding for world heritage site bid

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



Grand Pre moved a step closer in its bid to become Nova Scotia's third UNESCO world heritage site yesterday when the province kicked in more than a quarter of a million dollars.

"What makes Grand Pre a challenge is that it's a community that's absent — the Acadian community," said Victor Tetrault, ex-

ecutive director of the Societe Promotion Grand-Pre. Acadians returned after the 1755 deportation, but resettled elsewhere as Grand Pre had been given away.

"The beauty of a project like UNESCO is that it's 250 years later and everybody's coming together. There's no blame game going on," Tetrault said.

Now that they've got the green light, they hope to have their presentation ready for UNESCO by 2011.

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Victor Tetrault, Societe Promotion Grand-Pre executive director

"It becomes a passion for those involved. It's a wonderful challenge and a joy."

In Dartmouth, Jean Legier, executive director of La Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse, said Grand Pre is "extremely important" for Acadians.

"Grand Pre is a symbol of what happened to our people, but it is also a symbol of hope," he said. The site represents the hardships Acadians suffered and their ability to overcome adversity. "It crystallizes that pride and the

Acadian people in general."

He added that winning the designation would mean a tourism boost for Nova Scotia.

Premier Rodney MacDonald was in Grand Pre to announce the \$280,000 funding. The federal government is contributing to the bid, as is the local municipality. Total financial support stands at \$1.3 million.

"We are optimistic that this community-driven

project will successfully create a trio of world heritage sites in Nova Scotia as it joins Lunenburg and Joggins fossil cliffs," MacDonald said. "This project reflects the values we share as Nova Scotians — our quality of life, the importance of volunteers and the need for partnerships to keep our communities strong."

Nova Scotia is home to two UNESCO sites: Lunenburg and the Joggins fossil cliffs.

Frog Pond Family skate planned for March 1



Jamie Abraham and Holly MacKay go for a skate yesterday on Frog Pond. A family skate is planned for Frog Pond between 1 and 3 p.m. on March 1.

No voter apathy at St. F.X.

KIM HART MACNEILL
for Metro Halifax



St. Francis Xavier University students are used to going head-to-head with other schools on the field and on the court. This week, they beat the University of Ottawa in a battle to collect student votes.

"The University of Ottawa put a push on for us when they challenged our voter turnout," said St. F.X. student union vice-president of communications Sarah Furey.

"They told us we were going to have to go find a place to hide if we lost."

Voter turnout in the St. F.X. student union election was 60.4 per cent, the university announced yesterday. The University of Ottawa's voter turnout

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Sarah Furey, St. F.X. student union vice-president of communications

was only 27.2 per cent.

The union used some new tactics to get students out to vote this year, said Furey. The union and candidates plastered the school with posters explaining where to find information on the candidates, the voting process and voting locations. YouTube advertisements and websites offered easy access to the candidates' platforms.

Furey found a group of bloggers to represent different types of students in an online debate. The

blog collected nearly 20,000 page hits between Jan. 22 and Feb. 10, the final day of voting.

Voter turnout in last year's election was about 50.4 per cent. Other student election campaigns usually have a 12 to 14 per cent voter turnout, according to Maclean's On-Campus website.

"The level of interest (from students) is mind-blowing," said Furey.

Sandy MacIntosh and Sheryl MacAulay will take over as president and vice-president May 1.

Local businesses felt the love on Valentine's Day

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



Halifax companies in the love business were relying on a strong Valentine's Day to lift them out of the winter slowdown, and by most accounts the city's Romeos and Juliets delivered.

"It was great," said restaurateur Costa Elles at the Greek-themed eatery Opa. He said the two Opa locations, along with Seven, the Argyle and Mosaic, had "record sales."

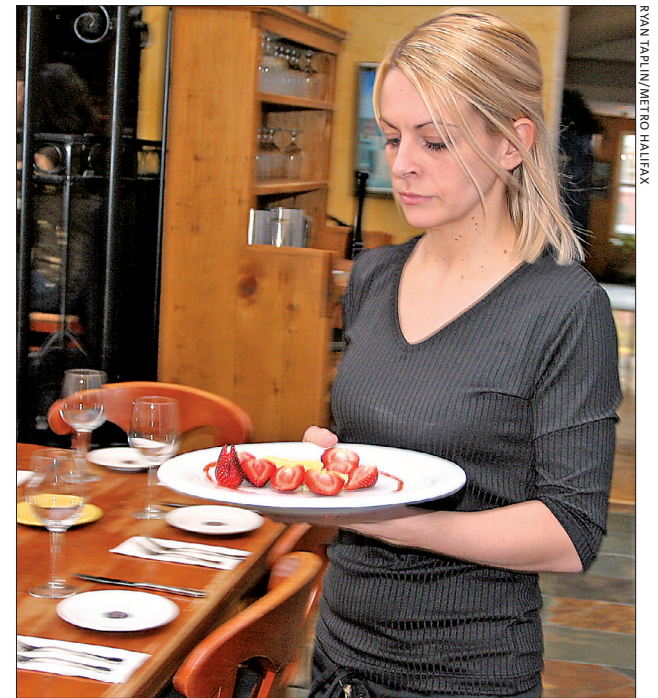
"It's never a big spending day, but we found that this year people have been hibernating for the last couple of months. That was truly an occasion they made sure that they got out," he said yesterday.

The restaurants are always busy on Feb. 14, he said, but this year they were taking names for waiting lists weeks in advance.

"People needed to get out," Elles said.

It was a busy time for companies offering an alternative take on the holiday, too.

"It turned out pretty good for me," said Amanda Bennett of Berry Blossoms. She makes edible flowers from fruit and chocolate



Troy Landry carries out a dessert plate yesterday at Opa Greek Taverna. Valentine's Day was busy at the Argyle Street restaurant.

and offers a "best boyfriend" guarantee for guys who send their ladies a bouquet.

Her Valentine's Day special this year was two dozen juicy, chocolate-dipped strawberries arranged like roses. One of the lucky ladies to receive the treat was her boyfriend's young daughter. The girl didn't want "unhealthy" chocolate, so

he got her the chocolate-covered strawberries.

"She was very happy. It's something different," Bennett said.

Joel Chiasson at the Old Triangle said the Irish pub took the anti-roses approach, celebrating "everything not to do with Valentine's Day."

"We're not that big on romance, but business was good," he said.

News in brief

FISHERIES The federal Fisheries Department has asked the RCMP to investigate how the Shubenacadie First Nation spent federal money meant for the fishery. CBC News is reporting the department has asked for an investigation after an audit revealed \$450,000 of the money was never paid to suppliers, and \$130,000 was spent with no pa-

per trail. The audit, released yesterday, also found \$67,000 of improper expense claims. Nearly \$4.3 million of the maximum \$5 million was spent.

HOUSING NDP Leader Jack Layton says the Tories' plan for affordable housing won't work because it will bankrupt the province and municipalities.

There's a \$2-billion fund in the budget for building and upgrading social housing, but it requires the provinces and cities or towns to contribute. Layton, who was in Halifax yesterday to speak to a roundtable on affordable housing, said Nova Scotia will struggle to take advantage of the money.

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Crash claims RCMP officer, children

An accident Sunday night on Highway 7 between Saint John and Fredericton, N.B., claimed the lives of an off-duty RCMP officer and his young son and daughter. The RCMP have identified the victims as Const. Jason Porter, a 31-year-old member of the RCMP, his daughter Hannah, 5, and son Jack, 2. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



NATO's existential crisis

The struggling effort to defeat the Taliban and bring security to Afghanistan means it is time for a "frank discussion" about the future of NATO, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, left, said yesterday. In comments that are likely to aggravate some NATO partners, MacKay said that all alliance members needed to pull their weight otherwise the 60-year-old security pact faced an existential crisis. **REUTERS**



Homicide investigators examine an off-white Cadillac coupe yesterday after its driver, an unknown woman, was shot and killed as she drove through an intersection in Surrey, B.C.

Boy, 4, survives gang-style attack; woman does not

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



B.C. A four-year-old boy was taken to hospital apparently uninjured after surviving a gang-style shooting in a suburban Surrey, B.C., neighbourhood yesterday that left a woman dead.

The murdered woman was driving an off-white Cadillac coupe southbound through the intersection of 148th Street and 96 Avenue at 10:30 a.m. when she was shot and killed.

Cpl. Dale Carr, a spokesman for the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, called the attack "horrific" and "beyond comprehension."

"First and foremost is the care of the child."

RCMP Cpl. Dave Carr

"We don't know whether the shots came from another vehicle or if it was someone laying in wait, or what," Carr said.

The vehicle continued south on 148th Street about a half block listing to the left and came to a rest in a driveway, against a cedar hedge. At noon yesterday, a yellow tarp was draped over the vehicle's windows.

Investigators, he said, did not know the identity of the woman, nor her relationship to the boy.

"First and foremost is the care of the child," Carr said. "We're going to take him to the hospital and ... confirm that the child did not take any physical injuries."

Ottawa readies for Obama

VISIT It's just a quick, half-day business trip — a courtesy call stopover to the neighbours' office.

But that won't stop thousands of people from lining the streets on Thursday to welcome U.S. President Barack Obama to Ottawa.

"We're not going to be meeting him, that's fine," said Rachel Decoste, an Obama supporter who has been helping to co-ordinate public events planned for the visit. "At least he'll know that he is welcome here and people support him." **METRO CANADA**

News in brief

MANITOBA A series of poems penned by Métis leader Louis Riel while he awaited execution for treason were unveiled by the Manitoba Métis Federation in Winnipeg yesterday. Riel gave the poems to his jail guard, who had provided him with the two notebooks in which to write, as a gift shortly before he was hanged in Regina for his part in the 1885 Northwest Rebellion.

BEAR SPRAY Several people are facing charges after allegedly using a can of bear spray to settle a fight in a McDonald's restaurant in Nanaimo, B.C. The incident began as a fight in the restaurant lineup around 7 p.m. Sunday, said Nanaimo RCMP. About 20 people were taken to hospital for further treatment.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Afghan war pushing army to the limit, general says

Canada's army is being pushed to the limit by the strains of keeping a 2,700-strong military mission in Afghanistan and the force will need at least a year to recover once the troops return on schedule in 2011, a top army commander said yesterday.

Lt-Gen. Andrew Leslie also told Reuters that he had heard nothing either officially or unofficially to substantiate media rumours that some of the troops would stay in Afghanistan after 2011.

Canada has a regular army of just 22,000 soldiers with a similar-sized force of reserves, half of whom

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Lt-Gen. Andrew Leslie

serve part-time. Leslie said men and equipment in Afghanistan were wearing out fast and likened his job to juggling a chain saw.

"We are at the limit ... we are now sending senior non-commissioned officers and officers back for their fourth tour," he said during an interview at defence headquarters.

"Our equipment is going to have to be reset, just like our soldiers have to be reset

at a certain time."

Leslie said that once the troops had returned, it would take between 12 and 16 months to restore the army's full fighting capability.

Canada's soldiers are based in the southern city of Kandahar, capital of a region that is the heartland of the Taliban. There are clashes with militants every day and so far 108 Canadian soldiers have died.

The mission comprises 2,500 soldiers with around 200 personnel helping maintain a fleet of helicopters.

Leslie said the demands on the army were far greater than just the 2,500 troops in Afghanistan. The cycle of rotation meant that for every group in Kandahar, there were 2,500 troops who had just left, 2,500 who were waiting to deploy and 5,000 in various stages of training.

"Just about every soldier in the army, in one way, shape or form, is intimately involved in the Afghan mission," he said.

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NORTH AMERICA'S RAILROAD

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has bought a \$5.6-million US, three-storey home in a walled and gated complex in an exclusive area of Hong Kong, Britain's Sunday Times reported. The paper noted it's one of several properties the Mugabes own in Asia, but it is the first to be documented. **REUTERS**

World



No protectionism: Pelosi

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi defended the United States and its "Buy American" provision in its \$787-billion US stimulus plan during a trip to Italy on Monday. Amid accusations of protectionism, Pelosi said the U.S. appreciated the value of global trade as a motor of economic growth, and that looking out for the interest of American workers wasn't protectionism, but rather "what any country would do for its workers." **REUTERS**

'War on terror' has eroded human rights, experts tell UN

Washington's "war on terror" after the Sept. 11 attacks has eroded human rights worldwide, creating lingering cynicism that the United Nations must now combat, international law experts said yesterday.

Mary Robinson said the United States caused harm with some of the ways it responded.

"Seven years after 9/11 it is time to take stock and repeal abusive laws and policies," the former Irish president and former UN human rights commissioner said,

The report

- An International Commission of Jurists report found many undemocratic states have referred to U.S. counterterrorism practices to justify their own abuses.
- It recommends more abuse monitoring and assistance to countries to target rights violators.

warning that harsh U.S. detentions and interrogations in the Middle East sent a dangerous signal to other

countries that could easily follow suit.

While U.S. President Barack Obama has announced he will close Guantanamo, Robinson said sweeping changes needed to take place to ensure Washington abandons its "war paradigm."

Arthur Chaskalson, former chief justice of South Africa, said such practices could further restrict liberties if they are not confronted head-on. "If nothing happens, we will have even less," he said. **REUTERS**

Athens An artist's rendition



Body-painted performers stand in formation to depict the face of U.S. President Barack Obama during The fall of Athens performance by Swiss artist Dave at Filopapou hill in Athens yesterday. The ceremony was part of the Art Marathon, which will be travelling around the globe until December 2050.

Brit, French nuclear subs collide

COLLISION Two nuclear-armed submarines from Britain and France collided in the Atlantic Ocean earlier this month, but there were no injuries or radioactive leaks, naval officials said yesterday.

Analysts said a major disaster could have resulted had the underwater collision ruptured the hulls, set off conventional ammunition or started a fire, although the chances of a full nuclear explosion were virtually nil.

The British navy maintained there was no damage to both vessels' weapons, but media reported both subs had to return to base for repairs. Both navies had no explanation for how the crash happened. **REUTERS**

News in brief

PAKISTAN The Taliban and Pakistan have agreed to a ceasefire in the Swat valley. As part of the terms, Islamic, or Shariah, law will be restored.

GERMANY Two masked kids pretending to be elite military soldiers triggered a police operation after residents reported the "dodgy-looking figures."

RUSSIA The economic crisis has sparked a wave of violent crime in Moscow, the chief prosecutor said, as murders and fatal assaults rose. **REUTERS**



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All hell won't break loose

U.S. president's visit unlikely to stir up controversy

National Report

Lawrence Martin



One of the more saucy stories from the annals of foreign leaders visiting Canada came back in the Diefenbaker era when the notorious Congo leader Patrice Lumumba made an Ottawa stopover.

Back then Canada had a highly religious and somewhat naive external affairs minister in Howard Green. Lumumba had a meeting with him and asked at the close of it if Green could arrange for a girl to be sent over to his Chateau Laurier suite.

Not aware of Lumumba's reputation as a fornicator of some renown, Green thought he meant a stenographer. Yes, of course, he could do that, he replied. The next day an unsuspecting typist was sent over to the Chateau. She entered the Congo leader's room — and all hell broke loose.

The late Dean Rusk, secretary of state in the Kennedy administration, told me that story. He was trying to illustrate Canadians were sometimes innocents on the

world stage. As an architect of the Vietnam war, he might have known all about the pitfalls of being naive. So might the most recent Bush administration.

Vietnam and Iraq were two wars which made relations between presidents and prime ministers difficult at best. U.S. President Barack Obama's visit here Thursday provides an opportunity to set aside differences and re-establish harmony between the two countries.

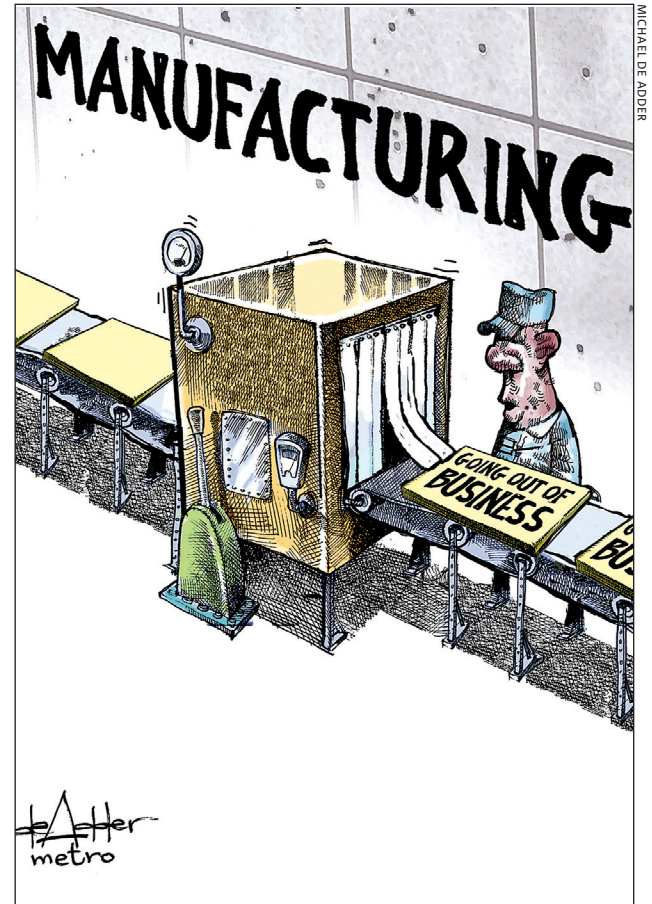
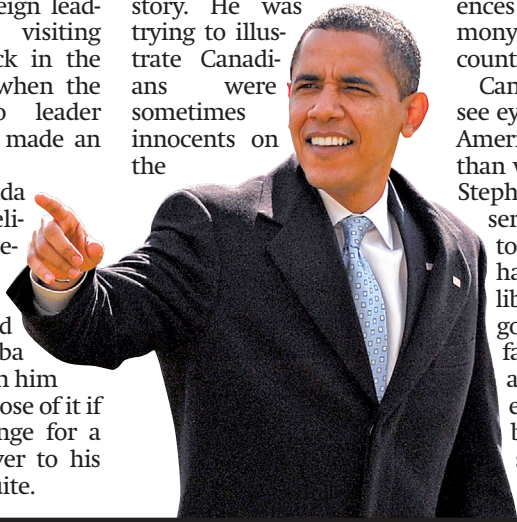
Canadians at this point see eye to eye with the new American president more so than with their own leader, Stephen Harper. The Conservative PM will be sure to bear this in mind. He has just had to bring in a liberal budget. Now he's going to have to all but fall at the feet of a liberal president. To do otherwise would hardly benefit his public standing.

That means you

won't see any big disagreements between the U.S. president and the prime minister Thursday in what will be a short, businesslike meeting. On the economy, on energy, on the environment and on Afghanistan, there is plenty of room for discord. In terms of the chemistry between the two men, all is not the most promising either. One is dour and conservative. The other is eloquent and liberal.

But the times and circumstance require they find common ground. And so they will — at least for the time being. More awkward moments for the prime minister will be certain to come. One will be when liberal soulmate Michael Ignatieff, who has close contacts in the Obama camp, travels to Washington later this year for a lengthy and most friendly get-together.

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent and author who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



Letters

Why should I listen to you about water?

Re: Recycling information not relevant to Canada, letters, (Feb. 12).

Well Mr. John B. Challinor II, who are you anyway? I know who David Suzuki is.

Why on Earth should we believe you?

Are you some kind of expert or a Conservative?

JANE MACDONALD, WEST CHEZZETCOOK

World's longest puff-puff-pass?

I don't know if anyone else has noticed, and I don't advocate or condemn the habit in either direction, but does anyone else think the new Olympic torch looks more than a little bit like a great big marijuana joint?

Consider: It's long, white, tapered, fat in the middle, lit at one end and is headed straight for the biggest party in B.C.'s history.

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moving this thing from coast to coast, we could potentially have the world record for the longest, uninterrupted puff-puff-pass.

JASON LAWRENCE, HALIFAX

A little healthy debate

In his Feb. 13 commentary, "Discussion is a better form of protest," Paul McLeod says that I think "races should be segregated."

Not so. I have repeatedly argued in favour of complete freedom of association. If people want to live, work, and go to school in mixed-race environments, by all means let them do so, but people who prefer the company of those of their own race should have that freedom, too.

I certainly agree with Mr. McLeod that discussion is better than protest, but discussion should begin with a proper understanding — not caricature — of opposing views.

JARED TAYLOR, OAKTOWN, VA.

Views

Ducks just tip of toxic tailings iceberg



Simon Dyer

Pembina Institute

The recent decision by the governments of Canada and Alberta to charge Syncrude for the death of 500 waterfowl on a tailings pond confirms the seriousness of the environmental challenges facing the oilsands.

Sadly, the ducks are just one of a litany of growing environmental problems. In many ways, the heated debate about the magnitude of potential fines faced by Syncrude and ways to stop birds from landing in toxic waste is clouding a much more important issue — the absence of solutions to deal with the tailings ponds themselves.

Tailings ponds include leftover bitumen, diluents such

as naphtha, and toxins including naphthenic acids, phenolic compounds and ammonia. The oilsands industry produces tailings at a staggering rate. Between the time you read this and Syncrude's court date March 25, oilsands companies will have produced another 2,952 Olympic-sized swimming pools of liquid waste. This means everyday another 82 Olympic pools of toxic tailings are created.

More alarmingly, a recent report using industry data calculated more than four swimming pools of toxic tailings leak from the ponds into groundwater and the Athabasca River every day. Government cannot or will not release actual seepage data.

Tailings lakes already cover 130 square kilometres of northern Alberta, an area larger than the city of Van-

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couver. These should not have been allowed to expand before industry demonstrated it could clean up the mess.

Last week, the Alberta Energy Resources and Conservation Board released a directive that acknowledged operators have failed to properly reclaim 40 years of toxic tailings waste. Time will tell if the days of voluntary management are over.

If Canada and Alberta are serious about dealing with this toxic liability, we need to prohibit the creation of new tailings ponds and halt new project approvals until companies with existing oilsands

projects can demonstrate ways to extract bitumen without this harmful byproduct.

Government must decide if charging Syncrude is about creating the illusion of action for the benefit of U.S. President Barack Obama, or if they really want to reform the way oilsands are developed. Shedding the dead ducks image and dirty oil tag will require serious changes, not just Band-Aid remedies.

Simon Dyer is Oil Sands Program Director with the Pembina Institute in Calgary. The Institute's reports on the impacts of oilsands are available at oilsandswatch.org

Metro Online Poll Results

58% SAID YES

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Canadians sell foreign securities for fourth straight month

Canadian investors sold \$6.4 billion of foreign securities in December, the fourth month in a row that they have repatriated funds, Statistics Canada said yesterday. Canadian divestment of foreign equities and bonds picked up sharply in the fourth quarter of 2008 as the global crisis worsened. **REUTERS**

Business

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Software the focus for rivals

Companies race to proclaim new mobile content stores

Telecom industry leaders including Nokia, China Mobile and Microsoft raced to announce online software stores yesterday in a drive to find new sources of revenue and please consumers.

The success of Apple's AppStore, which lets iPhone users download thousands of small software programs to personalize the way they play games, listen to music or find directions, has inspired admiration and envy in many of its rivals.

As phone makers and carriers rack their brains for ways to stimulate demand and differentiate themselves in a depressed market, the value of software that is easy and inexpensive to access and quick to respond to trends has come to the fore.

Research firm Strategy Analytics forecasts the value of the mobile content market — including down-



LG Electronics CEO and president Skott Ahn shows a watch phone at the Mobile World Congress yesterday in Barcelona, Spain.

loadable games, ringtones, wallpapers, video, mobile TV, text alerts and mobile web browsing — will grow 18 per cent to \$67 billion US this year.

REUTERS

Canadian factory sales in steep fall

MANUFACTURING The value of Canadian manufacturing shipments plummeted a record eight per cent in December from November in yet another stark sign of how the global crisis is battering Canada.

The drop — the fifth consecutive month-on-month decrease — was far steeper than the 5.3 per

cent fall predicted by analysts and was the worst since Statistics Canada adopted its current method of calculating the data in January 1992.

Statistics Canada said just over half of December's drop reflected price declines. Constant dollar manufacturing sales, which are measured in

2002 prices, fell 4.4 per cent from November to their lowest level since November 1998.

In December, 20 of the 21 manufacturing industries recorded declines. New orders fell a record 12.9 per cent while the inventory-to-sales ratio hit 1.50, a level not seen since October 2001.

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Russia's richest man

Russia's most eligible bachelor, outspoken and controversial billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov, is now the country's richest man with a \$14.1-billion US fortune, the latest rich list from popular business magazine Finans showed.

REUTERS

In brief

JOB LOSSES Mexico risks losing up to 300,000 jobs because of the economic crisis despite a government infrastructure spending program, the economy minister said yesterday.

WHALING The United States and five other countries have called on Iceland's new government to drop a plan to step up whale hunts, diplomats said yesterday.

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Acadian Seaplants doubles capacity:

Acadian Seaplants Ltd. is doubling capacity at its processing plant in Cornwallis, Annapolis County. Consequently, the province, through Nova Scotia Business Inc., is offering the company a payroll rebate to a maximum of \$270,000 to help Acadian Seaplants maintain its workforce of 75 full-time employees.

RCR adds three partners:

In its 35th year of operation, RCR Hospitality Group has added three new partners. Elizabeth Newman, Shannon Bruhm and Chef Tahir Salamat will join Robert Risley to form a new ownership team.

Chrysler, UAW talks progressing

AUTOS Chrysler LLC and the United Auto Workers have made progress in talks aimed at cutting debt and operating costs ahead of a deadline today for the automaker to submit a new viability plan, a person briefed on the negotiations said.

Chrysler has been given \$4 billion US in emergency federal aid and is seeking another \$3 billion. **REUTERS**

EnCana to sell gas to Spanish firm

GAS EnCana has signed a contract with Spain's Repsol YPF SA to sell the natural gas it produces at Nova Scotia's offshore Deep Panuke wells.

The contract is binding for the duration of the offshore operations, and proposes creating 300 million cubic feet of gas a day after a startup daily production of 200 million cubic feet.

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On the web

A reader asks:

Last June, my wife and I closed on a new home purchased in October 2006 for investment purposes. Although our tenant pays all utilities, we have a cash shortfall every month. Should this purchase transaction have been reported in 2006? How much and where on our tax return do we

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account for the closing cost, new paint, etc.?

Henry Choo Chong answers this question in his Money Matters column, available online at metronews.ca

Calling all Shopaholics

SmartCookies



This past weekend, women everywhere flocked to theatres to check out the highly anticipated Confessions of a Shopaholic.

If, while watching this movie, you felt like you had missed your casting call, it might be time to look at your own spending.

Now, as self-reformed shopaholics, we know that there are some things that you simply can't live without. But we think that it is all about finding a way to get the must-haves for less.

Before hitting the malls, begin at home. Clean out your closet and give away (or donate) anything that

does not make you feel your absolute best. Better yet, get some honest girlfriends to weigh in on the decision. Next, make a list of the absolute must-haves and when you hit the mall, stick to the list. This will avoid any of those impulse purchases, which shopaholics are known for.

Make friends with the salespeople — they will tell you when the steals and deals are happening, and sometimes even offer you the discount before the actual sale. Also, check to see if the same stores have a VIP emailing list. If it's an item you must-have, you might as well get it on sale.

Put your money into long lasting pieces like coats, shoes and handbags. Items like basic T's and skinny jeans can be purchased on the cheap. Ask yourself how much use you will really get from an item, and invest in the things that will last the longest.

Don't buy anything that you don't completely love.

Instead of shopping at the mall for your beauty products, check out the drugstore. Some of the most popular products can be found at your local drugstore for a lot less — from Maybelline's Great Lash to Oil of Olay's Regenerist, you can literally save hundreds of dollars a year, just by making this simple change.

Don't buy anything that you don't completely love. Many of us fall into the trap of buying something with the intention of returning it in a few days if we change our mind. Let's be honest, how often does that item ever really get returned? Instead, walk away and think about it. If you are still daydreaming about that dress in a week, you can reassess.

Lastly, find a friend or family member who wants to be your "in case of (a spending) emergency" buddy. During those moments of weakness when you are tempted to spend on something you know you shouldn't, call your friend and they will remind you of what you'd rather have that money for.

For more money saving tips, tune into season two of the Smart Cookies on the W Network, Monday nights at 10:30 p.m. PST/EST.

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Big Papi believes in big suspensions

Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz says players who test positive for steroids should be suspended from baseball for the entire season. The designated hitter says the way to clean up the game is through testing and not by taking players to court. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Bong-gate comes to a close

A South Carolina sheriff said yesterday swimmer Michael Phelps, left, will not face charges after a photo of the 14-time U.S. gold medallist showed him smoking from a marijuana pipe. Sheriff Leon Lott said he didn't have enough physical evidence to charge the swimmer, but defended his investigation. Phelps released a statement saying he was glad the matter has been put to rest.

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Lemieux relishing comeback

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada

More than once in his career, Claude Lemieux has proven to be a renaissance man.

But few could have imagined he'd reinvent himself again as a National Hockey League player at age 43 and having been away from the game for more than five years.

After playing for parts of 20 years in the NHL before retiring after the 2002-03 season with Dallas, Lemieux made his return in January after the San Jose Sharks signed him to a contract.

The Sharks had signed him to a minor-league contract in November with their American Hockey League team in Worcester, Mass., following a stint with two teams the Sharks own and operate in Asia.

Lemieux made the comeback feeling he still had something to contribute to the game, and to show a side of him to his two kids from his second marriage who really hadn't seen him play before.

Though Lemieux is play-

ing only a few minutes a game on the Sharks' fourth line, he is enjoying the new lease on his hockey life.

"It reminds me of what it was like when I first started in the NHL," he said.

"You kind of start in the same place. The difference is, I know I can play at this level and be effective, not just go out and stay on the ice 15 seconds and jump off in fear that something happens. I can really be an impact and be effective, so that makes me feel really good.

"Ideally, if I get 10, 12 minutes a game at this stage of my career it's perfect.

"They're getting to know me, I'm getting to know them, so you couldn't ask for a better situation.

"They didn't bring me here to put pressure on me

to score or get points — goals will come, points will come. It's about everything I can bring to the team, which is leadership and experience and physical presence. You need guys like that on a hockey team, like a recipe — a little bit of everything.

"My whole mindset is to push myself condition wise so when the playoffs come, I'll be at my best and be ready to fill in whatever role they need me to fill."

Three times in his career he has scored more goals in the post-season than in the reg-

ular season. He is also one of only four players to win Stanley Cups with three different teams.

In 1995, he was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the playoffs.

He is also known for a controversial hit in the 1996 playoffs on Detroit's Kris Draper, who required major surgery after crashing face-first into the boards.

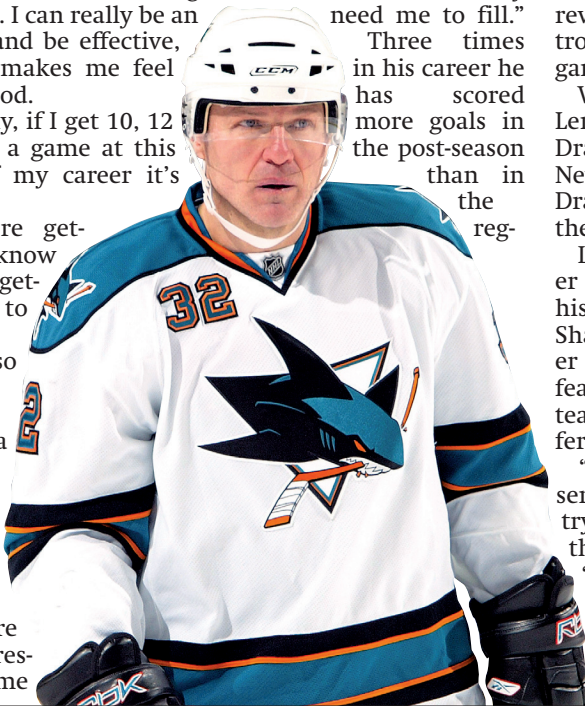
The Red Wings exacted revenge on Lemieux in Detroit in a regular-season game the next season.

When apprised of Lemieux's comeback, Draper told the Detroit News he wished him luck. Draper also said he has put the hit in the past.

Lemieux will face Draper for the first time since his return when the Sharks play in Detroit later this month in a game featuring the top two teams in the Western Conference.

"I don't think it would serve a good purpose to try to fuel the fire or stir things up," Lemieux said. "I always said, I never hit Kris Draper.

"I hit a player that was there. I never went after him."



Habs bring back Schneider to fold

NHL The Atlanta Thrashers sent defenceman Mathieu Schneider to the Montreal Canadiens yesterday for draft picks. Atlanta received a second-round pick in the 2009 draft and a third-round selection in the 2010 draft from Montreal. Atlanta also sent a conditional pick in 2009 to the Habs. Schneider, 39, has four goals and 11 assists in 44 games this season. He began his career with Montreal and played on the Canadiens' last Stanley Cup team in 1993. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports in brief

NBA The Phoenix Suns fired coach Terry Porter yesterday, just four months into his first season with the club. Assistant coach Alvin Gentry replaces Porter on an interim basis. Phoenix lost five of eight going into the all-star break and trails Utah by one game for the final playoff spot in the West.

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Golf Weir washed out, Johnson wins Pro-Am



Dustin Johnson poses with the trophy on the 18th green at Pebble Beach yesterday after the cancellation of the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Canadian Mike Weir sat in second place, four strokes back, when the tournament was called due to bad weather.

Marion trade is all about the summer

TheScore



Adnan Virk

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The Toronto Raptors this season have been a flaccid squad that's on pace for an anemic 31 wins.

Clearly, change was in order.

And so we have the long-gestated trade of **Jermaine O'Neal** for **Shawn Marion** officially consummated.

The Matrix Reloaded, on the verge of turning 31, has seen his numbers dip, but could showcase some of his explosiveness in an offence that would be more suited to his tastes while playing for a contract as he'll be a free agent in a couple of months.

O'Neal had proved himself an awkward and unreliable fit in Toronto.

While giving up **Jamario Moon** is negligible, having to include a lottery protected conditional first-round pick to come sometime between 2010 and 2015 is no small carrot while accepting **Mar-**

cus Banks



Adnan Virk covers the Raptors for The Score television network.

and his inflated contract could be a detriment.

For Banks it's not the Heat, it's the humility — over \$4 million a season for 10 minutes a game? Sign me up!

But, ultimately, this deal gives **Bryan Colangelo** the cap flexibility he desperately craved, about \$10 million or \$11 million this summer, depending on how things shake down.

Enough perhaps for a sharpshooter like the Magic's **Hedo Turkoglu** or if Colangelo chooses, Marion if he's reborn like Mickey Rourke down the stretch.

Of course, **Anthony Parker**, **Joey Graham** and even **Carlos Delfino** will all be on the president and GM's radar.

To expect this team to contend for a playoff spot down the stretch would be foolhardy. It would need to go 17-10, a winning percentage of more than .600 after playing less than .400, just to get to 38-44, the bare minimum you would think to make the playoffs and earn the dubious distinction of being annihilated by Boston or Cleveland.

Of the remaining 27 games, it's true that 11 of those are against teams currently seeded eighth to 13th in the East, but don't succumb to the temptation to dream.

This trade leaves me about as unfulfilled as **Jessica Simpson** being told she can't have any more Twinkies. Wait for Colangelo to really make a move this summer.

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NHL Five in a row for Sens



Nick Foligno celebrates his goal on the Nashville Predators with teammates Brendan Bell, left, and Ryan Shannon last night. Ottawa won their fifth game in a row, 2-0.

Sports in brief

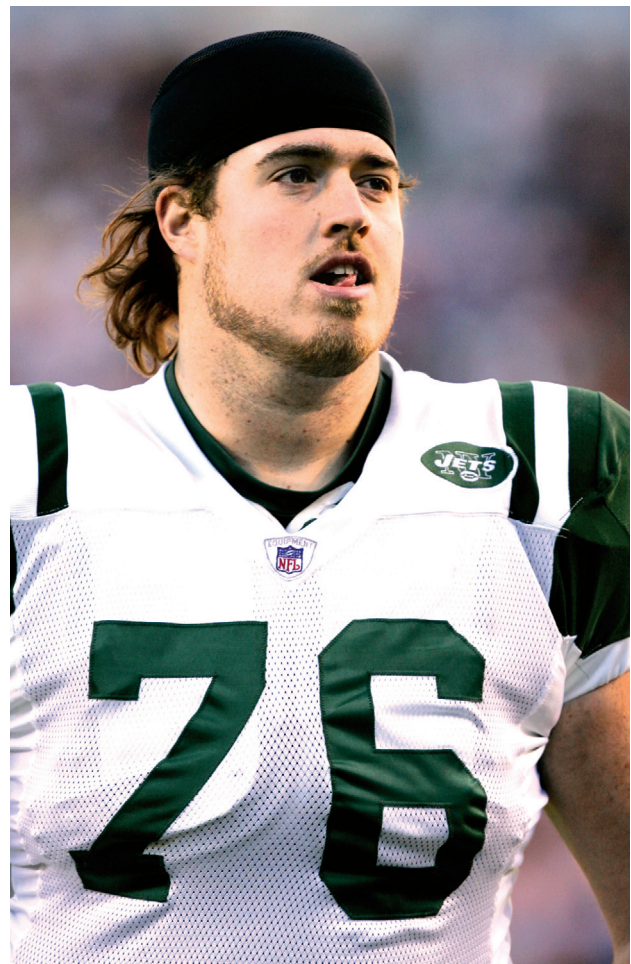
BOXING Dartmouth's Custio Clayton has been named Sport Nova Scotia's male athlete of the month for January. Clayton won four consecutive bouts en route to gold in the 69-kilogram weight class at the Canadian senior boxing championships in Trois-Rivieres, Que., last month. Snowboarder Alexandra Duckworth of Kingsburg took the female honour.

SKATING Fall River native Jennifer Mahoney just missed winning a medal in the juvenile women's category at the BMO

Skate Canada junior figure skating championships in Calgary last week. She finished fourth with a score of 31.87 and was the top Nova Scotian finisher.

SWIMMING Halifax's David Sharpe won four medals at the Eastern Canadian swimming championships at Dalplex on the weekend. The 18-year-old took gold in the 50-metre backstroke and 100-metre butterfly; silver in the 200-metre butterfly; and bronze in the 100-metre backstroke.

METRO HALIFAX



Halifax native and former NFLer Steve Morley has signed a three-year deal with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Morley signs with Bombers

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"It was time to do a long-term deal."

Steve Morley

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have turned to Halifax native Steve Morley to patch their weakened offensive line.

The Blue Bombers signed the six-foot-seven, 322-pound free agent to a three-year contract yesterday, hoping he will compensate for the losses of starters Alexandre Gauthier, Dominic Picard and Kyle Koch. All three signed with other teams.

"I'm happy about it — they've given me an opportunity and I'm going to take advantage of it," said Morley, reached by phone at his home in Halifax. "They told me I can step right in and help out. That's definitely what I wanted to hear."

The 27-year-old has played the past two seasons in the CFL after spending three years in the NFL with the New York Jets, Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys.

He was a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders last season, appearing in six games. He battled injuries and had knee surgery for a torn meniscus in December.

Morley, a two-time Vanier Cup champion with

the Saint Mary's Huskies, said his knee has already returned to 100 per cent. He has been running on it for a month and is working out at The Tower in Halifax until training camp begins in June.

He said the three-year deal was important. Although the final year is an option, it's the longest contract he has ever had.

"It was time to do a long-term deal," said Morley, a former No. 1 overall CFL draft pick. "It will be nice to get some stability, and I thought the best place to do it was in Winnipeg."

Morley said the Blue Bombers showed the most interest in him and provide a "better opportunity" for his career.

Winnipeg went to the playoffs last year with an 8-10 record and lost in the Eastern semifinals. They fired head coach Doug Berry in the off-season, replacing him with Mike Kelly.

"They definitely lost some O-linemen, but they have a new coach and good football philosophy," he said. "They're pretty gung-ho to go and I'm excited to get in there and help out."



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Health & Beauty

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Stretching your beauty buck

Tips to extend time between salon/spa visits

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Coined to refer to a fashionista with mad bargain-hunting skills, the term "recessionista" now includes the smart shopper who knows how to stretch her beauty buck.

Armed with clever ways to extend the time between salon/spa visits, she judiciously swaps prestige for mass, and looks as fabulous as ever without letting on she's pinching beauty pennies. The key, of course, is knowing where to spend and where to save.

For instance, for hair that looks as polished as it does when you leave the salon, you have to spend on quality tools and brushes. Happily, Toni & Guy provides a way to save with new-to-drugstores pro hairdryers and flatirons starting at just \$69. To get that shiny smooth finish, you still need to hit a salon or beauty supply store for good boar-bristle brushes,

Riding the Recession

which can cost around \$20 or more, but for volume styling, you can pick up Goody velcro-type rollers in various sizes at \$3.99 per package.

And guess what? You can save on hair care products. In the U.S., Pantene did a huge salon challenge in which 3,600 salon-brand consumers did a blind comparison of hair-type specific professional formulas versus the Pantene collections, and 68 per cent of the participants agreed that the drugstore brand was as good or better than the salon products they were using.

Space out those \$100 spa facial appointments with daily exfoliation help from Aveeno Positively Radiant Dual Textured Cleansing Pads (\$11.99 for 28 pads) or a face cream such as RoC Retin-OL + Day SPF 30 (\$50.99). In a pinch, try a

kit such as Neutrogena Ageless Intensives 14-Day Skin Rescue (\$30.99), which promises a younger-looking complexion in 14 days.

While you might like to spend a bit more on your makeup, don't discount drugstore brands. Think two-in-one skin-care plus makeup, such as Olay Total Effects with a Touch of Foundation (\$24.99).

If you're thinking green, try earth-friendly packaged Physicians Formula Organic Wear, which contains certified organic ingredients, is free of harsh chemicals, synthetic colour, fragrance and preservatives, and ranges from \$11.99 to \$21.99. As for maintaining your \$25 manicure, keep polish fresh with home applications of protective top coat, such as Revlon Quick Dry Top Coat (\$6.50), and, advises Debbie Trigilidas at Concepts Day Spa Salon in Toronto, wear rubber

Clockwise from top, Physicians Formula Organic Wear 2-in-1 Bronzer & Blush, \$21.99, Revlon Top Coat, \$6.99, Goody So Finished Rollers, \$3.99, Toni & Guy Hairdryer, \$69.99, Neutrogena 14 Day Rescue, \$30.99.

gloves to do dishes and chores. You know you can get rubber gloves at the dollar store, right?



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The J Spot

Josey Vogels

Sex talk with Josey

Comics have come a long way since I was a kid. I certainly don't remember any Jewish, lesbian superheroes in them, for example. Yes, DC Comics has just announced that Batman will be taking

Lesbian superhero as role model

a backseat this summer and handing the Detective Comics series over to Batwoman. They are planning 12 issues featuring the openly gay superhero starting in June.

I guess when Bob Knight, the director of The Culture and Family Institute, a right-wing religious group in the U.S., complained that kids are exposed to porn through comics because they are "chock-full

of nudity, homosexuality, violence, and demonic portrayals" he was right about the homosexuality part. But he said this like it's a bad thing.

Frankly, I think exposing young comic book fans to a strong, lesbian character would induce these mostly young boys (and maybe a few young girls too) to think that well, apparently some Jewish lesbians can really kick butt in a cape.

As for the demonic portrayals, personally, I grew up reading Archie comics, and granted, while Reggie could be pretty mean, demonic might be stretching it.

I also wouldn't go so far as to equate comics with porn, but I do agree that there is certainly something undeniably sexy about superheroes. They fight for justice while wearing tight, revealing outfits

over their taut, fit bodies. They maintain an air of mystery by wearing masks or hoods. And while their strong, dominant side makes them, er, super-heroic, they usually have a vulnerable side that makes them human and sweet. It's that perfect combination of strength and vulnerability we all seek in an ideal partner.

In fact, while they may be overly curvy and their

clothes a little tight, one could argue that female superheroes are some of the few take-charge women young men are exposed to in popular culture. And if they see that some of these take-charge women are Jewish and lesbian, I say, "Holy way to push the envelope, Batwoman."

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

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The battle for Oscar's best song

Slumdog Millionaire, Wall-E square off

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
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Most people tune into the Academy Awards for the glitz, glamour and the best picture trophy, but for music lovers the real show is all about best original song.

This year's battle for Oscar is a little less fierce than in past years — two songs penned by Indian-born songwriter A.R. Rahman for Slumdog millionaire are up against a tune by Peter Gabriel from Wall-E — but the songs might be the most interesting to vie for the prize yet.

That's thanks to Rahman, whose songs O Saya,

which features Sri Lankan songstress M.I.A. on vocals, and Jai Ho brilliantly fuse American-electro sounds with traditional Indian melodies, a musical combination that's never graced an Academy Award stage.

While it's a good bet one of Rahman's tunes will win, Peter Gabriel's Down To Earth — a fun, but relatively laid-back affair — has history on its side. Some of the more recent winners haven't been boisterous over-the-top tunes like Slumdog's are, but rather quiet, introspective singer-songwriter sounds.

Last year's winner Falling Slowly was a passionate duet by The Frames' Glen Hansard and

Czech songstress Markéta Irglová. It was a victory for indie rock fans, but not so much for outside-of-the box artists.

Melissa Ethridge, Jorge Dexler, Bob Dylan and Phil Collins have all taken home a trophy too, and while the songs were award-worthy, they all fit a similar singer-songwriter mold.

If it's not guys or gals with guitars (or, in the '80s, pianos), it's ensemble musical numbers. Songs from the Little Mermaid, Fame, Mary Poppins and Dirty Dancing have all won Oscars; the most nominations and wins belongs to Sammy Cahn, a Broadway lyricist.



A pair of tunes from Slumdog Millionaire, above, and one from Wall-E are up for best original song at the Academy Awards.

Despite the fact that plenty of the music world's most acclaimed tunes have won best original song (Take My Breath Away, I Just Called to Say I Love

you, Que Sera Sera have all been victorious), some of the most memorable winners have come from unlikely artists.

It's hard to forget Three

The 81st Annual Academy Awards

Six Mafia's thrilling 2005 performance of Hustle and Flow's It's Hard Out There For a Pimp — and their even more stunning win, becoming the first African-American music group to ever take home an Oscar. And, although they didn't snag the main prize, Beyoncé's pitch-perfect, '60s-style pairing with Jennifer Hudson on Dreamgirls' Listen was easily one of Oscars' most memorable duets ever.

So while Peter Gabriel could follow in the footsteps of many other big name solo artists, Rahman's brilliant fusion of multi-cultural musical styles, and the fact that he's somehow not up against Springsteen's remarkable track for The Wrestler, likely means his name will be called on Sunday.

critics' corner

Trinny and Susannah Undress

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Wild Roses

Worry is piled high on Maggie's (Kim Huffman) shoulders in this new episode. As she grows ever more concerned about Charlotte's (Clare Stone) growing rebelliousness, she fears the worst about David (Gary Hudson) — specifically, that he is behind Dillon's (Dylan Neal) disappearance. Speaking of disappearing, Briggs must take his leave of Rivercross. 9 PM on CBC

Colin & Justin's Home Heist

No, they're not really going to steal your home. In this series, the Scottish duo criss-crosses Canada, looking for homes that have been butchered by bad taste. Once found, they have seven days to do a design overhaul. In this episode, cheekily titled "Faux-get About It," they help a couple who think their home's decor says "style," although it inspires other words in Colin and Justin, like "Huh?" 11 PM on HGTV

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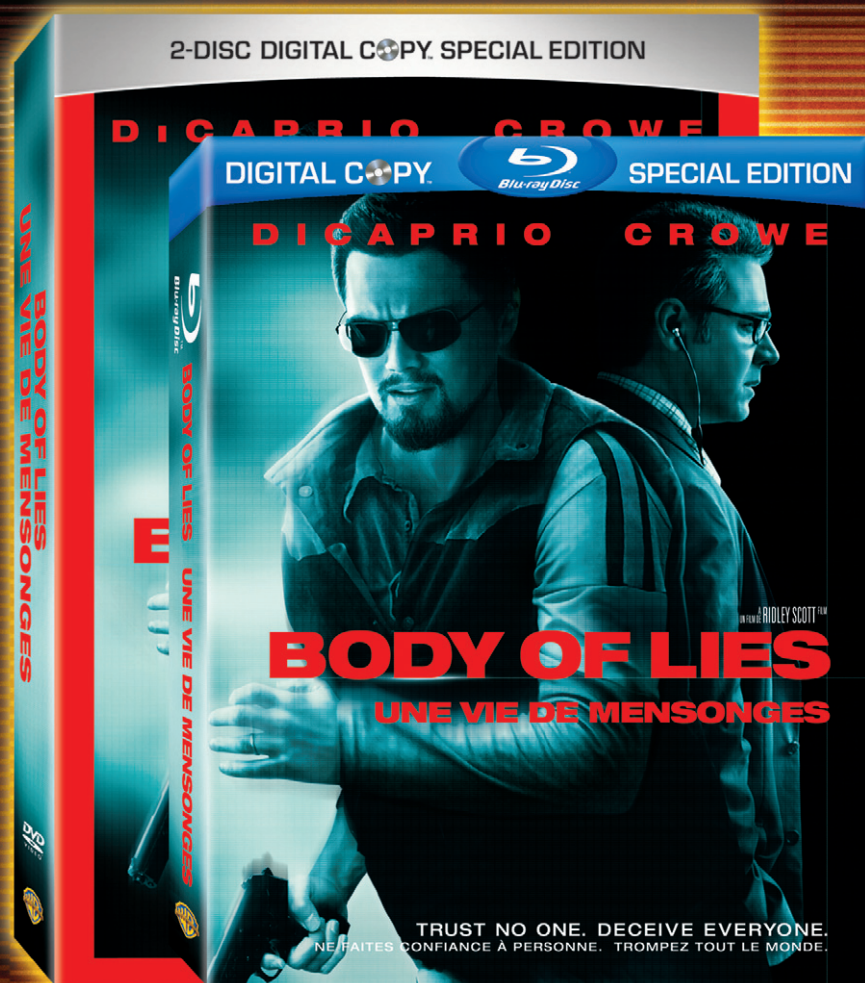


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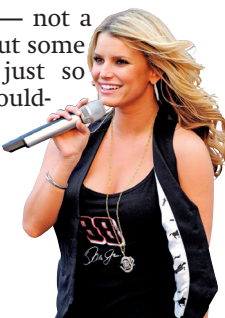
Proving once again how tough the fashion world is, a German designer has deemed Heidi Klum too fat, declaring she's "no runway model." "She is simply too heavy and has too big a bust," Wolfgang Joop told Bild magazine. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Jessica keeps ripping her pants onstage

FASHION Jessica Simpson has ripped her pants "every time" she's performed at Madison Square Garden, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer has now taken to wearing a "skort" to prevent the embarrassing problem happening again. Speaking ahead of a show in New York show last week, Jessica said: "Every time I've performed at Madison Square Garden, my pants have completely ripped in half. 'I decided to wear a little 'skort' — not a skirt, but some shorts just so they wouldn't split."

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Beyoncé isn't much fun when she drinks

SOCIALIZING Beyoncé says she doesn't usually drink a lot because she's a boring drunk. "When I'm drunk, I'm very quiet and I observe and I go to sleep," the singer said, according to China Daily. "I don't think I'm much fun." She went on to say that she's never felt peer pressure to pursue other substances. "I've never seen a person who was high and thought, 'Wow, I want to do that!' I'm like, 'That's cool for them, but no thank you. I'll just have my wine.'"

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Winehouse gets taken to hospital

ILLNESS While continuing her vacation in St. Lucia, troubled singer Amy Winehouse was quietly rushed to the hospital over the weekend. "She looked a shaking mess," a witness tells the Sun. "The people with her were very concerned." Amy's spokesman has confirmed she received treatment after running out of a drug replacement she'd been using.

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Not just a bromance: Downey Jr.

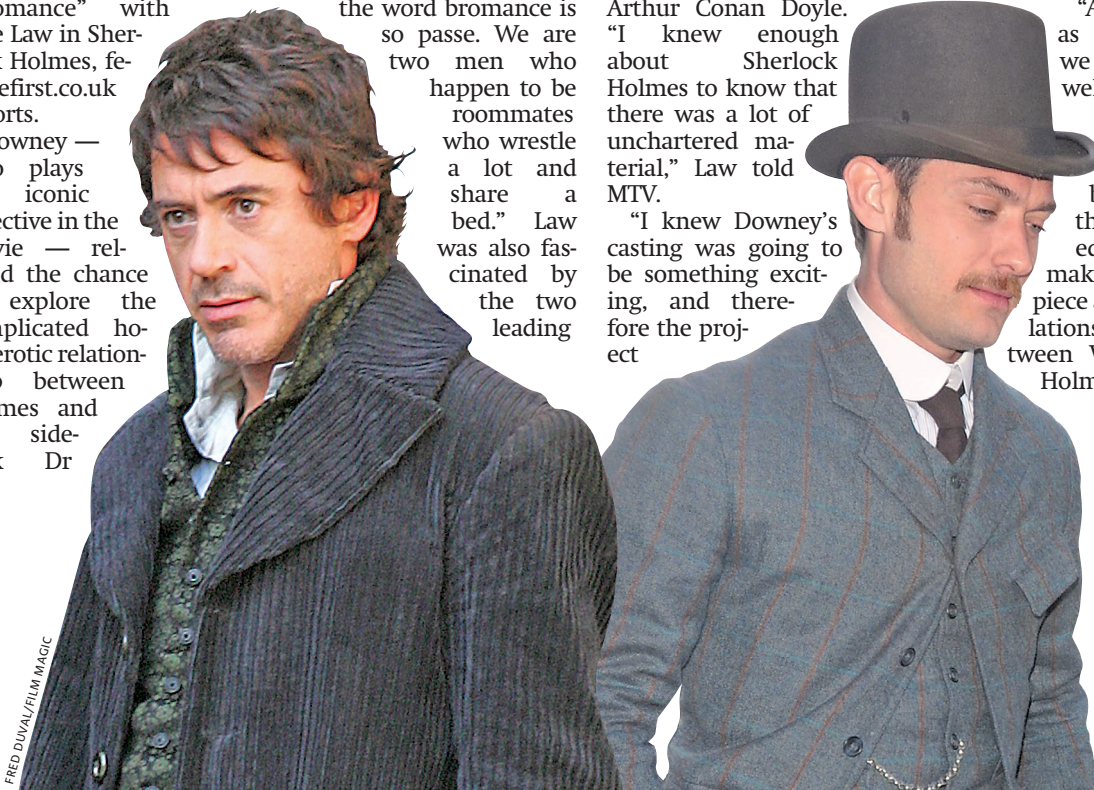
ONSCREEN Robert Downey Jr. enjoyed his onscreen "bromance" with Jude Law in Sherlock Holmes, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Downey — who plays the iconic detective in the movie — relished the chance to explore the complicated homoerotic relationship between Holmes and his sidekick Dr.

Watson, played by the Alfie star. He said: "I think the word bromance is so passe. We are two men who happen to be roommates who wrestle a lot and share a bed." Law was also fascinated by the two leading

men in the film, which is based on the stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. "I knew enough about Sherlock Holmes to know that there was a lot of uncharted material," Law told MTV. "I knew Downey's casting was going to be something exciting, and therefore the project

was going to be something exciting. "And as soon as I met him, we got on very well — which is a good sign — and we both agreed that we wanted to really make this a piece about the relationship between Watson and Holmes."

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Katie's just got a great metabolism

IMAGE Katie Holmes claims her recent slimming down is just the result of a hectic schedule and her powerful metabolism. "My metabolism was in full gear the whole time," the actress, who just completed a run in All My Sons on Broadway, said, according to the Boston Globe.

"I lose weight fast when I'm working so hard. It doesn't matter how much I eat, I just get thin. It's not the worst problem in the world to have though, is it?"

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Miley's parents tell her she's not allowed to get her own place

FAMILY Miley Cyrus' parents have banned her from moving out, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 16-year-old star reportedly believes she is mature enough to get her own place and live with her best friend Mandy Jiroux, but her dad Billy Ray Cyrus doesn't agree.

A source said: "Miley's parents feel, that if anything, she has already got more freedom than is good for her."

However, the Hannah Montana star is determined to convince her parents to change their minds and isn't ready to give up on the

idea of leaving home.

The source added to the National Enquirer magazine: "Miley knows that the next time she asks, it will come as less of a shock. She plans to wear her mom and dad down. She is itching for freedom and hopes to be under her own roof well before she turns 18."

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It would be 'difficult' to play in L.A. again, says Beckham

MOVING David Beckham says life would be "difficult" should he be forced to return to play in Los Angeles, people.com reports.

The 33-year-old soccer hunk — on loan from the LA Galaxy to Italy's AC Milan — has already made clear his desire to continue playing the European circuit.

But on Sunday, Beckham confessed that a return to Los Angeles would be awkward. "I've said I want to stay here, and if I do go back then it will be a bit difficult, but we'll have to wait and see what happens," Beckham told reporters after his AC Milan team was beaten by local rivals Inter Milan, 2-1.

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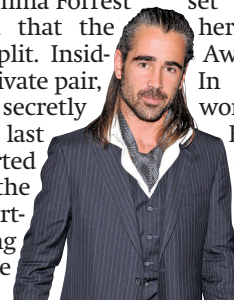


Colin has split with girlfriend

RELATIONSHIPS In Touch Weekly is reporting Colin Farrell's ex Emma Forrest has revealed that the couple has split. Insiders say the private pair, who began secretly dating early last year, parted ways when the Irish star started slighting his beau. "He

would not introduce her to his family. She was also upset that he didn't thank her at the Golden Globe Awards," the insider tells In Touch. When Colin won for his role in In Bruges at the Jan. 11 ceremony, he didn't mention his longtime love in the acceptance speech.

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If Leo wants to marry his girlfriend, he'll have to convert to Judaism

MARRIAGE Leonardo DiCaprio must convert to Judaism if he wants to marry Bar Rafaeli, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Israeli-born supermodel's father, Rafael Rafaeli, has reportedly forbidden Bar from marrying outside her faith, the website adds.

A source said to the New York Daily News newspaper: "He told me that if Leonardo doesn't convert to Judaism, there will be no marriage."

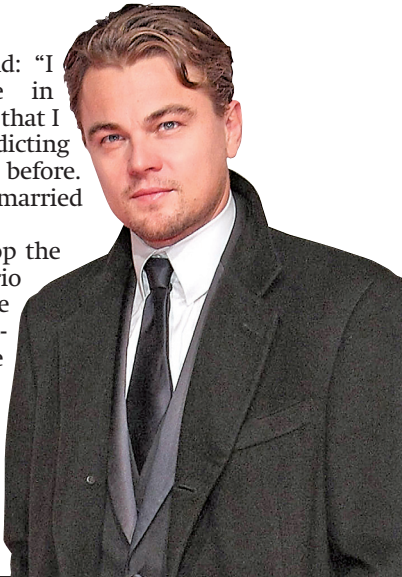
The Revolutionary Road actor, who has been dating 23-year-old Rafaeli since 2005, recently revealed he

wants to wed.

DiCaprio, 34, said: "I absolutely believe in marriage. In saying that I realize I am contradicting everything I've said before. Yes, I want to get married and have children."

But if he does pop the question, DiCaprio won't tell anyone about it — he is notoriously secretive about his private life, something he claims is essential to his career, the website notes.

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Madonna's boy toy may be a PR stunt

DATING Insiders claim that Madonna's very public relationship with 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz is nothing more than an elaborate publicity stunt meant to drum up attention for her tour. "It's a classic Madge pub-

licity stunt but suits both parties well," a source tells the Mirror. "Despite her advancing years, she looks like she's still got what it takes to pull a 22-year-old. And Jesus is getting a boost of publicity as well."

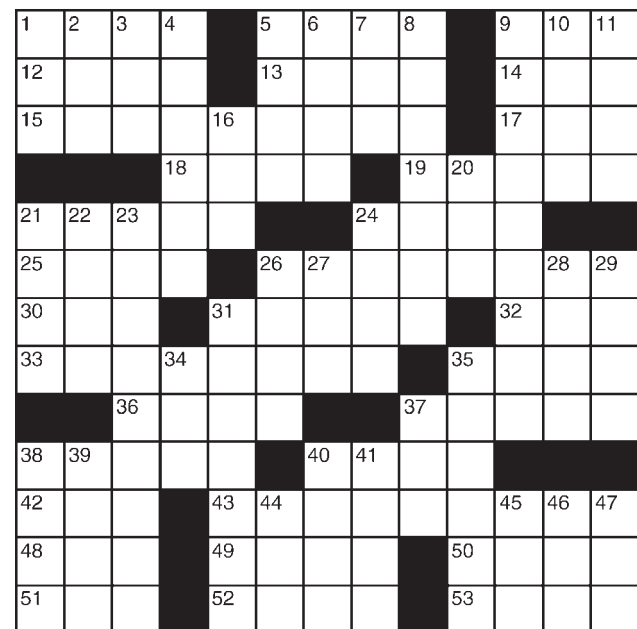
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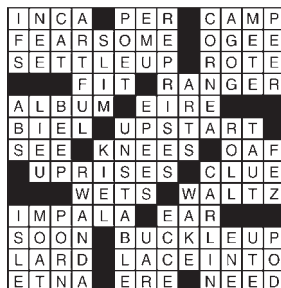
Crossword across

- 1 Fishing spear
- 5 Impale
- 9 Supreme Being
- 12 Hodgepodge
- 13 Met melody
- 14 Anger
- 15 April paperwork
- 17 "Do the Right Thing" director
- 18 Elbow counterpart
- 19 Private instructor
- 21 Fathered
- 24 Relaxation
- 25 Took care of weeds
- 26 PC peripheral
- 30 Lamb's dam
- 31 Anna of "Scary Movie"
- 32 Coll. transcript stat
- 33 Dadaism pioneer
- 35 Existed
- 36 Pub orders
- 37 Bygone
- 38 Greedy cry
- 40 Highly rated
- 42 Blackbird
- 43 Speak eloquently
- 48 Heavy weight
- 49 Neighborhood
- 50 Hemingway nickname
- 51 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 52 Scream
- 53 Location

Crossword down

- 1 Understood
- 2 Carte lead-in
- 3 Repair
- 4 Like a snake's tongue
- 5 Fill to excess
- 6 Verifiable
- 7 Atmosphere
- 8 Small chickens
- 9 Of the best quality
- 10 Sandwich treat
- 11 Antelope's playmate
- 16 Conclusion
- 20 GIs' entertainment org.
- 21 Son of Noah
- 22 Hawkeyes' home
- 23 Double-check
- 24 Egress
- 26 Bleacherites
- 27 MGM motto start
- 28 Foil's kin
- 29 "Death in Venice" author
- 31 Big road
- 34 Shade source
- 35 Censors, in a way
- 37 Yoko of music
- 38 Fence opening
- 39 A party to
- 40 Skating jump
- 41 October birthstone
- 44 100 square meters
- 45 Spigot
- 46 Nasdaq debut
- 47 Heathcliff, for one

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



2	3	5	1	8	9	6	4	7
7	4	8	5	6	3	9	2	1
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3	8	4	6	2	5	1	7	9
8	7	2	4	5	1	3	9	6
6	9	3	8	7	2	5	1	4
4	5	1	3	9	6	7	8	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Turkey Cobb Salad Sandwiches

INGREDIENTS:

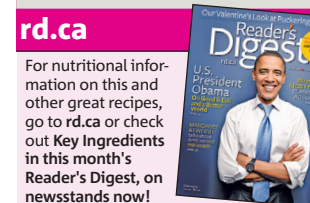
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) non-fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) blue cheese, crumbled
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) snipped fresh chives
- 4 slices lean bacon
- 1 small avocado
- 8 slices multigrain or sour-dough bread, toasted
- 4 oz (125 g) watercress, tough stems trimmed
- 3/4 lb (375 g) fresh-roasted turkey breast slices
- 3 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced

METHOD:

1. Combine mayonnaise, blue cheese, and chives in small bowl.

2. Cook bacon in medium skillet over medium-high heat until crisp. Transfer to paper towels to drain, then tear into small pieces. Pit, peel, and thinly slice avocado.
3. Spread blue cheese mixture evenly on bread. Layer 4 slices with watercress, turkey, tomatoes, scallions, avocado, and bacon. Top with remaining bread, and cut sandwiches diagonally in half.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You're right to refuse to deal in a sordid situation. The truth is found in your financial documents. A trickster quickly does some damage control.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Coming events are casting their shadows. A high-impact performance will take place at night. Sympathetic action defuses your bad mood.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A busybody fears telling you bad news. Count on an important person stepping in when people go wild. Try not to dispense a pretentious simoleon.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Be silent when someone is gossiping. A devoted friend won't reveal damaging information. There's a brilliant way to please an attractive person.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be aloof when a friend is challenged in a dangerous dispute. You need to find peacefulness. Anxiety about adversity will just roll away.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Laughter erupts when you're with friends. A self-centred friend won't understand you. Protest the stupid mistakes of the day at dinnertime.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A man has a noteworthy answer to an emotional investigator. Refuse to worry about a complainer. You'll regret ignoring the money coming in.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
The perfect solution to an uncertain situation torments someone. Noisy people fatigue you. Anxiety is due to psychosomatic wounds.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Move quickly when a relative needs your attention. An optimistic chat results from an encounter. A fearless man won't let flattery go to your head.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
An outrageous friend knows the way to a better future. You'll feel tired of making decisions. A family member causes anxiety by not calling in.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A heavy-handed hustler is caught telling lies. Nobody knows what to do after a battle. You'll be a determined challenger when you take charge.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Someone walks out in disgust after a crucial decision is made. A contract will have to be revised. A lover avoids making a terrible mistake.



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WORDY GURDY BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- Those people's taxi charge (1)
- Daredevil feat of actress Helen (1)
- Buffalo NFL team's talents (1)
- 3-legged stand for an MP3 player (2)
- Abride "Age of Innocence"'s Edith (2)
- ABC newswoman Diane's attorneys (2)
- Sadness and lack of hope from being jilted (3)

ANSWERS
1. THEIR FARE 2. HUNT STUNT 3. BILLS SKILLS 4. IPOD TRIPOD 5. SHORREN WHARTON 6. SAWYERS LAWYERS 7. REJECTION DEJECTION
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This day in history

FEB. 17, 1753: Feb. 17 is followed by March 1 as Sweden moves from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

FEB. 17, 1801: An electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr is resolved when Jefferson is elected President of the United States and Burr Vice President by the United States House of Representatives.

FEB. 17, 1936: The world's first superhero, The Phantom, makes his first appearance in comics.

FEB. 17, 1972: Sales of the Volkswagen Beetle model exceed those of Ford Model T.

FEB. 17, 2008: Kosovo declares independence from Serbia.

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